OLD ENGLAND.

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A Continuation of the Diſſertation on the Liberty of the Preſs.

WHAT was obſerved in my laſt, leads me to another Reflection, which, tho' of a more general Nature than ſome other Things which I have inſtanced, yet comes home to the Point of private Property, for each Individual is not benefited the leſs becauſe his Neighbour is benefited too: I mean the immenſe Sums ſaved by Sir *J. Barnard*'s Propoſitions, of which every Man enjoys the Advantage in his private Property, in Proportion as fewer Taxes are levied on the Subject in general. Far from ſtudying to inflame, or ſeeking to renew the Remembrance of Things now paſt all Remedy, I will not enter into the Particulars of that Affair: The contrary Party, I am perſwaded, will not undertake their Juſtification, will think it more adviſeable to let them lie dormant and undiſturbed; and I will ſay no more than what is directly to my Purpoſe and Subject in Hand. But it is well known, that after his public Spirit, ſeconded by the Citizens of beſt Credit and Fortune, could not work it's Way, when his Perſpicuity and Eloquence could not prevail, the Publication of his Thoughts in a Pamphlet entitled, *A Defence of ſeveral Propoſals*, &c. had ſuch an Effect, that, in the following Year, the Money, judg'd neceſſary for the current Service, was procured on more eaſy and reaſonable Terms, notwithſtanding the Continuance of the War, which naturally enhances inſtead of lowering the Price of Money. And yet, if the Preſs had been at that Time under the Superintendency of a Licenſer, doth any one imagine that that Pamphlet would have been permitted to have ſeen the Light? Could a Licenſer have expected to have received the Thanks of an Adminiſtration for giving it an *Imprimatur*? Or, can we ever hope to ſee an Account of Male-Adminiſtration coming forth under miniſterial Authority.

To this Account of Property, we may place thoſe Invaſions of, not only Men's Fortunes, but their Lives, in the Reign of *Charles* the Second, which was yet leſs violent than that of his Brother; thoſe exceſſive Fines beyond People's Means of ſatisfying, amounting in Effect to Impriſonment for Life; thoſe Executions of Men, whoſe Lives did Honour to Mankind, and Deaths were an indelible Reproach to the Government they ſuffered under, both the Fines and Executions afterwards declared tyrannical and illegal, by Acts of Parliament paſſed upon the Revolution. To this Point of Property is very pertinent and ſtrong, what is affirmed by our Hiſtorians of this Reign, That Party-Rage appeared in all private Affairs, ſo that Judgments were form'd, not according to Right, but the Principles of Parties; which confirms what has been already advanced, that it is the Spirit of the People alone which muſt give Force and Energy to the true Meaning of the Law; for there was no Want of Laws, and thoſe excellent ones too, in thoſe Days, tho' rendered invalid and inſignificant by the Circumſtances of the Times. It is hardly to be imagined, that Princes, newly reinſtated from Exile, would have entered ſo precipitately on thoſe extravagant Meaſures, or would have found Miniſters or Judges ſubſervient to their Purpoſes, if they had not been encouraged and armed with this Security, if they had not preſumed on the Paſſiveneſs of a People who had given up the Right of complaining, of informing, or being informed.

Under the Reign of *Charles* the Second was the firſt Reſtraint on the Liberty of the Preſs, and that for a Time only, which laſted however the Remainder of his, and was continued all his Brother's, Reign; and theſe were the great Bleſſings derived from thence on the People. I have not Time to enter into the Encroachments of Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction, nor to do more than juſt touch on the expounding * Power aſſumed and exerciſed by the Courts in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, with reſpect to the Statute-Law, and the Alteration of the Common-Law according to the pretended Alteration of the Conveniency of Things; by which Judges have in Effect erected themſelves into Legiſlators. All theſe Exceſſes are countenanced and ſupported, in Proportion to the Obſtacles which are laid in the Way of Perſons able and willing to expoſe them: The Remedy, I allow, is in the Parliament; but the moſt able are not always of the Parliament, and none but the Ignorant, who are unacquainted with the Difficulty of attaining Knowledge, diſdain Information.

Beſides National Liberty and Property, Liberty too of Conſcience and Religion will engage Multitudes in this Cauſe: There are People of various Sects and Opinions, who will all concur in this Point, whoſe united Aſſiſtance, in oppoſing ſo pernicious a Project, may with great Certainty be reckoned on; for they, who, having the Misfortune (I ſpeak as a Member of the Church of *England*) of ſeparating from the Eſtabliſhed Church, enjoy the Benefit of a Toleration, cannot be ignorant of the cloſe Connection which their Caſe has with Freedom of writing as well as ſpeaking: How are they to defend themſelves in caſe of Danger, or an Attack? The Clergy, in the laſt Act of Parliament for reſtraining the Liberty of the Preſs, were conſtituted Licenſers of religious Books, and no doubt will be in any future Act; it is highly proper they, if any, ſhould be ſo; for, without it, the National Church would probably ſoon totter from it's very Foundations: And tho' the Clergy ſhould be ready and content to put the Merit and Excellency of their Doctrines to the Teſt of Reaſon, and truſt the Dogmas of the Church to the Prevalency of Truth, as they ſafely may and no doubt willingly would, both their Abilities and Cauſe giving ſufficient and ample Encouragement, yet they would be abſolutely debarred the Exerciſe of ſuch Candour and Ingenuity, through Fear, and that too no unreaſonable one, of being cenſured as uſhering into the World Opinions which they do not approve, nay perhaps even condemn, as contributing, by their Sanction and Authority, to the Propagation of heterodox Notions. I might here take a larger Compaſs with reſpect to Religion, and repreſent the Danger of Innovations in our own Church, if thoſe, in any future Time, at the Head of the Church ſhould come to think that our Faith needed Enlargement in any Points; which may happen from a firm Perſuaſion and ſincere Belief in erroneous Sentiments, free from any Luſt of Power. I have that Regard for the Church, as at preſent eſtabliſhed, that I ſhould be ſorry (as muſt every Friend of the Eſtabliſhed Church) to ſee any thing of that ſort, or any new Doctrines, impoſed by Authority.

But to return to the diſſenting Part of the Nation: They, it is to be preſumed, have not entirely forgot, that, by a Law paſt in the 16th of *Charles* II. they were puniſhable for reſorting to their Places of religious Worſhip with Tranſportation on the third Offence. The Diſſenter, one may venture to affirm, doth not entertain ſo diſadvantageous an Opinion of his own Cauſe and Principles, as to think that ſo ſevere a Law would have ſtood long unrepealed, if there had been in thoſe Days an Opportunity of fairly repreſenting the Caſe to the World. He will too, without doubt, conſider the Conſequences which may ariſe even in theſe Times, or at leaſt in future Times, by narrowing Men's Minds, and precluding them from a Variety of Reaſoning; which, though it doth not always carry with it convincing Prooof, yet, ſhewing the Grounds of People's Opinions, conciliates and creates a compaſſionate Indulgence and benevolent Diſpoſition towards thoſe from whom we differ: But when religious Tenets are laid down in ſo poſitive a Manner, and the People are made to believe that they are ſo perfect, ſo ſelf-evidently clear, ſo eſſential to right Faith, that there is no Colour or Shadow of Reaſon for thinking in any other Way; the next Step is a pretended or real Concern for Brethren walking in Darkneſs, and treading the Paths of Error and Death; to which ſucceeds that Chriſtian Compaſſion of ſaving Men's Souls by Inquiſitions, and informing their Minds by bodily Pain and Torture, and all that Tyranny of the Church of *Rome*, ſo much abhorred in this Country at preſent.

I am far from ſuppoſing that the preſent Dignitaries of our Church could be guilty of any ſuch Intention; on the contrary, I have great Honour for them, perſwaded as I am, that they hold ſuch Notions in as great Abhorrence as ever any of their Predeceſſors did: I am only repreſenting the natural Tendency of Things, and the Errors which may creep into our Church by Time, as well as that of *Rome*, which was once pure. Power is naturally ſought after; it is a Principle which Self-Preſervation ſeems to inſpire, as well as Vanity and Pride, to cheriſh: The Non-Conformiſts themſelves, if there was a Proſpect of attaining it, would ſcarce decline it; and none can exerciſe it with greater Moderation than the preſent Poſſeſſors. I will not enter into the Hiſtory * of the 20th Article of our Eſtabliſhed Faith, relating to the Power and Authority of the Church; was there any thing to blame in over-zealous Friends of the Church in thoſe Days, I would with filial Duty rather chuſe to hide her Nakedneſs than unneceſſarily and unprofitably expoſe it: But if an inordinate Paſſion for Power has heretofore diſcovered itſelf, it may with Time revive; all Men are ſubject to Paſſion, and they who run the greateſt Riſque of ſuffering by it, ought to be moſt upon their Guard againſt it. The Church of *England* is my principal Care; but Charity, which is univerſal, inſpires me with ſome Degree of a more general Concern, and inſtructs me to wiſh every Man placed beyond the Reach of Injury,

* *It is impoſſible to forbear laughing when one reads the Rule laid down by Lord* Elleſmere, *for Conſtruction of Words:*

1. *Sometimes by Extenſion.*
2. *Sometimes by Reſtriction.*
3. *Sometimes by Implication.*
4. *A Diſjunctive for a Copulative.*
5. *A Copulative for a Diſjunctive.*
6. *The Preſent Tenſe for the Future.*
7. *The Future Tenſe for the Preſent.*
8. *By Equity out of the Reach of Words.*
9. *Words taken in a contrary Senſe.*
10. *Figuratively, as* Continens pro Contento.

And many other like. On which Petyt *obſerves,* "*Any one* "*that reads this will eaſily judge what the Scope and Conſequence of the Chancellor's Rule is, and he may eaſily diſcern how far it is capable of improving to baffle and elude* "*any Law whatever, and wreſt from it's genuine Meaning* "*and native Senſe to what they pleaſe.*" Jus Parliamentarum, *pag.* 66.

* *See Biſhop* Burnet *and* Bennet, *as likewiſe* Collins's *Pamphlet.*

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which was the first Cause of the Institution and is now the great End of every just Government: And, with regard to the particular Interest of even the Members of the Established Church, if there was any Dependance to be had on the Accounts above hinted at, which I am far from asserting, but leave to be examined into and decided by those who are more versed in Ecclesiastical Learning than I pretend to be, they would furnish an ample and irrefragable Proof of the Necessity of doing what St. *Paul* recommends, of "Proving All Things." Before I quit this Head of Religion, I must beg Leave to press an Argument, which will be soon perceived to go farther than religious Affairs, and to extend to all Sorts of Abuse and Imposture; but I chuse to urge it in this Place, in this particular Instance, not only because Religion is the most interesting Thing in the World, but because too Truth is seen by some People in some Points of View more distinctly than in others (tho' it is in itself the same in whatever Point of View seen) but being caught in one Light is more easily carried on to others. No one then, enjoying the Information which accompanies the Protestant Religion, blest with the Light which shines on the Understandings of those of the Reformed Church, can suppose that those gross Impositions of Popery could prevail even in *Italy*, or the People be kept groveling in such profound Ignorance and Darkness, if the Press was not there under Restraint, if Men dared to write. This Freedom of writing is well known to have been the original Cause of the Reformation; without it, a Relapse is evidently to be apprehended: The same Method of Reasoning is universally applicable to all Cases of Prejudice and Error, and Evils proceeding therefrom of what kind soever.

(To be continued.)

Erratum: *In our last, Column 3d, Line 24th, instead of* recent in Memory, *read,* recent in every one's Memory.

LONDON.

Wednesday the Sheriffs of the City of London presented the Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, to the Hon. House of Commons against the Bill now depending for Naturalizing of Foreign Protestants.

A Bill is ordered into Parliament to prohibit Insurance on Ships belonging to France, and on Merchandizes or Effects landed thereon, during the present War with France.

Sir Edward Hawke, Knight of the Bath, will we hear, be elected Member of Parliament for Portsmouth without Opposition, in the Room of Thomas Gore, Esq; who has made his Election for the Town of Bedford.

On Thursday Sir Richard Wrottesly, Bart. was elected, without Opposition, Member of Parliament for Tavistock in Devonshire, in the Room of the Honourable Richard Gower, Esq; who made his Election for Litchfield.

The same Day the Right Hon. the Earl of Ancram was elected, without Opposition, for Richmond in Yorkshire, in the Room of Sir Conyers Darcy, Knight of the Bath, who made his Election for the County of York.

As was likewise George Treby, Esq; for Plimpton in Devonshire, in the Room of the Hon. Richard Edgecumbe, Esq; who has made his Election for Lestwithiel in Cornwall.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Hon. William Herbert, Esq; Colonel of a Regiment of Marines, and Member of Parliament for Wilton in Wilts, to be Colonel of the Regiment of Foot in Flanders late General Price's.

Col. La Ferrier, of the First Regiment of Guards, to be Colonel of the Regiment of Marines, in the room of Col. Herbert.

And likewise Col. Dury to be first Major of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, in the Room of Colonel La Ferrier.

Last Week his Serene Highness the Prince Baden Dourlach, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lincoln, and his Excellency the Danish Ambassador, were chosen Fellows of the Royal Society.

On Tuesday last the Rev. Mr. Thomas Rayne, was unanimously chosen Lecturer of the United Pairshes of St. Mary Magdalen, Milk-street, in the Room of the Rev. Dr. Trapp, deceas'd.

Friday se'nnight the following Numbers were drawn Prizes at Guildhall, viz No. 38,913, and 28,248, of 500 l. each; 47,513, 42,807, 20,907, 25,449, and 23,360, of 100 l. each.

Saturday Number 24,539 was drawn a Prize of 1000 l. 49,823, 13,076, 500 l. 16,541. 42,140, 2,821, 18,624, 3,027, 15,424, 8,429, 45,533, 38,498, and 31,349, of 100 l. each.

Monday No. 14,483, and 31,093 were drawn Prizes of 1000 l. each; 38,976, of 500 l. and 31,263, 23,002, 26,824, 9,572, 26,586, 43,685, 44,744, of 100 l. each.

Tuesday the following Numbers were Prizes, viz. No. 26,320, of 2000 l. 32,152, and 41,917, 500 l. each.

Wednesday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz No. 5,765, 5000 l. 3,719, 500 l. 27,653, 39,946, and 8,202, 100 l. each.

Thursday Numbers 41,260, 32,709, 17,175, 29,447, and 26,166, were drawn Prizes of 100 l. each.

Wednesday Mr. Martin, a Custom-House Officer, seiz'd two Boxes of Flanders Lace, valued at 300 l.

Friday se'nnight the Sessions ended at the Old Baily, when the four following Persons receiv'd Sentence of Death, viz. Samuel Austin, on the late Act to prevent Smuggling; James Walker, for assaulting James Figgins on the Highway, robbing him of a Gold Watch; William Wardlow, for robbing Jonah Rogerson, on the Highway, of a Silver Watch; and Elizabeth Taylor, for stealing Goods to a considerable Value out of a Dwelling-House.

Wednesday Deloffe, Master of the Cock Alehouse in Petticoat-Lane, was tried at Guildhall for keeping a disorderly House, and being found guilty, was sentenced to six Months Imprisonment in Newgate, and fined 1 s.

On Friday Mr. Winton, a Lighterman at Rotherhithe, was robbed in Lock Fields about Twelve o'Clock at Noon, by three Women and a Man dressed in a Sailor's Habit, who took from him his Watch, and 4 l. they afterwards stripped him of his Coat, Waistcoat, Hat and Wig, and then made over the Fields towards Camberwell; but the Fellow being apprehended there, has since impeached the Gang which consists of fourteen.

A single Highwayman, well mounted, has lately committed many Robberies between Camberwel and Peckham; and on Monday last he attack'd Mr. Pritzler, an eminent Hamburgh Merchant, of Lawrence Poulteney-Lane (who was going from thence in his Chariot to his Seat at Peckham) and took his Purse and other Things of Value. 'Tis remarkable, that this Gentleman was roobed of his Watch and Money by the same Highwayman, on the same Road, about three Weeks ago.

A few Days ago a great many Deserters were brought to the Savoy from Portsmouth in Waggons, most of them young Recruits.

Last Saturday a Fire broke out in the Dwelling-House of Mr. Hare, at Easterly in Suffex, which consumed the House and some Stables. A Child in the Cradle unhappily perished in the Flames, occasioned by the Fright of the Mother, who forgot the Infant.

We hear from Somersetshire, that as the Right Hon. the Lord Ilchester was shooting at a Woodcock, the Gun burst, by which Accident his Hand was very much wounded; but is now in a fair way of Recovery.

Wednesday a Post-Chaise, coming from Windsor, was lost in the Waters near Belfond and a Gentleman drowned: The Boy who drove the Chaise saved himself by swimming.

Extract of a Letter from St. Ives in Huntingdonshire.

"We have had here the greatest Flood which has been known for many Years. From Sunday till Wednesday it was impossible to get a Mile out of the Town, or so much as to Church in our own Parish, without the utmost Hazard of our Lives. The Houses, next to the River, were many of them above two Feet deep in Water, particularly that of that of Dr. Denn, a Gentleman not less remarkable for his Success in the Practice of Physic, than for his Benevolence to Mankind in general.

The Fen Banks broke, which caused a general Inundation, and consequently Destruction there: Both Men and Beasts perished in this fatal Calamity."

By a Letter from the North of Shropshire we are informed, that the Snow has been so deep, that it rendered the Roads impassable; and that two Men returning Home from Shrewsbury Fair were smothered in the Snow.

Letters from Grantham in Lincolnshire bring Word, that the Fens are overflowed by the late Rains, by which a great Number of Sheep were drown'd; and that Carriages are prevented going to Market on Account of the Floods.

Wednesday was held at the India-House, a Court of Directors of that Company, when Capt. Jackson, Commandrr of the Essex, and Capt. Dauverque, Commander of the Scarborough, the former for Mocha and Bombay, and the latter for China, took their Leaves of the said Court, in order to proceed on their respective Voyages.

Letter from Hollyhead, Dec. 13.

"The Elizabeth of Appledore, Samuel Chinn, Master, with Coals, from Swansey to Cork, sprung a Leak the 11th in the Morning about four Leagues from the Coast of Wicklow in Ireland. The Master and Crew took to the Boat, and notwithstanding the Smallness thereof, and Badness of the Weather, they were miraculously preserved, and drove safe into this Harbour the following Night."

The Gosport Man of War, Capt. O Hara, from Antigua, is arrived at Portsmouth, who parted with the Judith, Holland, from Barbados; Scipio, Tobin, and ——, Ward, from Nevis; the Cambridge, Doran, for Cork, and two other Ships for Scotland, in bad Weather, at Sea; being all the Sugar Ships, that escaped the Hurricane.

The Panther Man of War, with the Trade under her Convoy, from Newfoundland, is arrived at Plymouth.

We have Advice, that the Prize taken by Capt Maubury, and sent into St. Kitt's, will amount to some hundred Pistoles to every Foremast-Man, and that he was still out on a Cruize. He cut the Prize out as she lay at Anchor at the Granade, under the Grand Fort, without the Loss of a Man.

By a Sea Officer who was taken the last Engagement, we have an Account, that there was not above twelve Men of War fit to sail in all the Ports in France, when they set sail.

The Mary, Capt. Martin, for Philadelphia from Antigua, is taken at the Cape by the Spaniards, as she was waiting for a Pilot: Capt. Martin knew the Pilot-Boat, and had no Suspicion of its being in the Hands of the Enemy, 'till they boarded him.

The ——, Tail from London, is lost on the Coast of Holland, and all the Crew drowned; and the Cornelia Katherina, Capt. Meyget, from Hull for Rotterdam, is lost on the same Coast in the late Storm.

We hear that the King George, Capt. Hughes, that run on the Break in the Downs in the late Storm, was on Monday Night standing upright in the Sands; and it was hoped they would be able to save her Cargo, if not the Ship.

A few Days ago Orders were sent to Woolwich for 120 Carriages to be sent to Flanders with the utmost Expedition for the Service of the Dutch.

The Step taken at the Hague, of prohibiting the Insurance of French Ships, is such a one as gives Pleasure to every True Briton; and is what the States could never be brought to submit to, in all the Wars during the Reigns of King William and Queen Anne.

The Business of Don Sara de Bodes, who is coming hither as Minister Extraardinary from the King of Portugal, and Father Andrada, who is going in the same Quality to the States General, is said to be, to prevail on his Majesty and their High Mightinesses to accept the Mediation of his Portugueze Majesty.

All the Accounts from the Mediterranean, concerning the Behaviour of the British Fleet there, agree, that it was never more vigilant than at present in intercepting Transports bound to Genoa; yet the Genoese continue to flatter themselves with Hopes of obtaining Plenty both of Men and Provisions.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Sarum, Dec. 12. On Thursday Morning last Mr. Kendall, Steward to —— Gravell, Esq; of Newtontony in Wiltshire, returning from a Journey, was attack'd 4 Miles from that Place by a single Highwayman, who on his not readily delivering his Money shot him in the Hand; the Noise of the Pistol so frighten'd his Horse that he run away with him; the Rogue pursued and fired at him a second Time, which struck his Boot. The same Morning a Servant of Mr. Befford, Butcher, in Sarum, was attacked on Tinhead-Hill, and robb'd of thirty Shillings. These Rogues by Description are of the same Gang with those committed to this Jail last Week, and Hue and Cries are after them.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Dec. 10. Yesterday died Mr. Lawrence Craigie, of Gilgraftone, Advocate, one of the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer.

This Morning died, the Honourable Duncan Forbes of Culloden, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session. He is succeeded in his Estate by his only Son John Forbes, Esq;

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But the great Reputation they have ſo much fam'd and moſt pleaſant Chymical DROPS have ſo univerſally gain'd among Perſons of Eminence, for their ſuddenly and infallibly curing the Scurvy and all Scorbutick Humors and other Chronick Diſeaſes, in ſuch an eaſy and agreeable Manner, have occaſioned many to imitate them, ſome under the ſame and others under other Names; be careful therefore not to be deceived, for I am to have the Right, which, by the Author's ſpecial Appointment, are to be had only at the Gentlewoman's at the two blue Poſts in Haydon Yard in the Minories, at 3s. 6d a Bottle, with Directions.

The So much Fam'd HYPO-DROPS.

WHICH in a few Days infallibly cure *Hypochondriach Melancholy in Men*, and the *Vapours in Women*, ſo as never to return again, be they ever ſo levere, or of many Years ſtanding, and even after all other Remedies have prov'd ineffectual; and that by immediately ſtriking at the very Root or true Cauſe, as well as remedying the Effects, of thoſe perplexing Maladies and all their Variety of Symptoms, by which they ruinick, by Turns, almoſt all the Diſeaſes poor Mortals are afflicted with, and have their Riſe from a depraved Appetite, vicious Ferment in the Stomach and Indigeſtion of Food, whence proceed Crudities and flatulent or windy Diſorders in the firſt Paſſages, ill Fumes, ſour Belchings, Cholick, and Uneaſineſs in the Bowels, which Crudities offend the Nerves, and, by Conſent of Parts, affect the Head, and produce ſometimes Giddineſs, Dimneſs of Sight, confuſed Thoughts, pertinacious Watchings, troubleſome Sleep, Frights, groundleſs Fears, and the deepeſt Melancholy, with direful Views and terrible Apprehenſions; at other times, Fits, flaſhing Heats, Reachings, Faintneſs, Lowneſs and Sinking of Spirit and Palpitation of the Heart, Startings, Tremblings and Twitchings in the Limbs and other Parts, with many convulſive Diſorders, ſharp Pains, fix'd or wandering, Pain and Weakneſs in the Back, and other, almoſt innumerable and grievous, Symptoms, which miſerably afflict vaſt Numbers of both Sexes.

All which Symptoms in their ſharpeſt Paroxyſms, theſe ſomuch fam'd and moſt pleaſant Drops, (which are Chymically prepar'd from the moſt valuable Specificks in the Mineral, Vegetable, and Animal Kingdoms, and exalted to the higheſt Degree of Perfection poſſible) inſtantly quell, and at the ſame time annihilate their real Cauſe, directly bringing the Stomach into right Order, creating a good Appetite, rectifying the Digeſtion, occaſioning laudable Chyle, and, of courſe, good Blood, Plenty of calm, free, and chearful Spirits, a regular Circulation of all the Fluids, and Strength of Nerves; ſo that both Cauſe and Effects of Melancholy and Vapours, are thoroughly removed by them, almoſt on the Spot, as the many Thouſands of both Sexes they have perfectly cured, evince.

Whoever takes them for three Days only, will be ſenſible they are abſolutely to be depended upon for an effectual and laſting Cure, and certain it is, that no Medicine upon Earth can equal them; be careful therefore to have the right Drops, which are to be had only at Mrs. Holt's, at the Croſs-Keys and Star below the Royal Exchange in Cornhill, at 3s. 6d. a Bottle, with Directions, at large.

An infallible and inſtant Cure for DEAFNESS *THICKNESS of HEARING, PAIN, or NOISE in the EARS, &c. By the true, chymical, ſpecifick* DROPS.

WHICH infinitely excel all other Medicines ever offered to the Publick, or known in the whole World; for they directly cure Deafneſs, be it ever ſo bad, or of ever ſo long ſtanding, and all Thickneſs of Hearing and Noiſe in the Ears, almoſt at once and that after all other Means have failed, and without Trouble of the leaſt Uneaſineſs, as many Thouſands have experienced.

They Effectually remove all Pain occaſioned by Cold, ſtrengthen the Tympanum or Drum of the Ear, free the auditory Nerve from Obſtruction, and infallibly cure all Defects of the Hearing Faculty almoſt in an Inſtant; cauſing thoſe to hear exceeding quick and well, who were before in a Manner totally deaf.

Hundreds who were not able to hear a Drum when beat cloſe by them, and therefore deſpair'd of being ever reliev'd, have been immediately and perfectly cured by them, to their great Joy and Admiration.

In a Word, they may abſolutely be depended upon for the direct and infallible Cure of DEAFNESS proceeding from what Cauſe ſoever; but the great Eſteem and Reputation they have deſervedly gained for many Years paſt, have occaſioned (as uſual in ſuch Caſes) many Counterfeits to come Abroad. Beware therefore of ſuch Impoſitions. Theſe chymical and only true Specifick Drops being by the Author's Appointment, to be had only at the Gentlewoman's, at the Two Blue Poſts in Haydon-Yard in the Minories, at 3s. 6d. a Bottle with Directions, and no where elſe in England.

The Royal BEAUTIFYING FLUID;

SO exceedingly valued by the Ladies of Quality, and all who have uſed it, for its tranſcendent Excellency in beautifying the Face, Neck and Hands to the moſt exquiſite perfection poſſible, is to be had only at Mr. RADFORD's Toy-ſhop at the Roſe and Crown againſt St. Clement's Church-Yard in the Strand.

It gives an inexpreſſible fine Aire to the Features of the Face on the Spot, and a ſurprizing handſomeneſs to the Neck and Hands, which it immediately makes exceeding ſmooth, fine and delicately white.

Nothing in the World can ſooner or more certainly take away all diſagreeable Redneſs, Spots, Pimples, Heats, Roughneſs, Morphew, Worms in the Face, Marks of the Small pox, Sunburn or any other diſcolouring, nor remove all Wrinckles ſo perfectly; for it quickly makes the Skin become ſo incomparable fine, clear, plump, ſoft, and beautifully fair as to cauſe Admiration in the Beholders.

It really gives a moſt engaging reſplendent Brightneſs to the whole Countenance, and cauſes ſparkling Life, Spirit, and juvenile Bloom to reign in every Feature, and yet is nothing of Paint, but far exceeds it, by its bringing the Skin, whether of the Face, Neck or Hands, and tho' brown, red or rough, to a natural youthful Fairneſs, Smothneſs and moſt charming Delicacy, which Paint only faintly imitates; neither is this Royal Beautifier prepared from the leaſt Particle of Mercury, or any thing Metaline, but is perfectly ſtarmleſs, and may be given inwardly even to Children. It has alſo a pleaſant Scent, will not ſoil the fineſt Lawn, and is very agreeable to uſe.

But theſe its admirable Properties, by which it vaſtly exceeds any thing whatever for the like Purpoſe, have occaſion'd many to imitate it under various other Names, beware therefore of ſuch impoſitions; the true ROYAL BEAUTIFYING FLUID, that has given ſuch univerſal Satisfaction to ſo many Ladies of Diſtinction, being only to be had at Mr. *Radford's* Toy-ſhop at the Roſe and Crown againſt St. Clement's Church-Yard in the Strand, as above-mentioned for 3s. 6d. a Bottle, with Directions, and no where elſe in England.

DIRECTORY, Given Gratis.

Green Hatch Holborn

IN Which, In the Chapter, Under the Title, Of The Beginning of a Venereal Injury, Any Venereal, or GLEET Patient, will Plainly See their OWN Caſe Exactly Deſcribed, To Know it Perfectly by without Any Farther Advice About it.

And How to Cure themſelves Privately, Without Telling their Caſe to Any One. With The Famous Montpellier Little Eaſy Bolus, the Bigneſs of Only a PEA, to Take. And Which, Makes the Perſon Eaſy At Once, tho' Before, in Great Miſery. And, Another Little BOLUS, Carries off a Venereal Infection, and Foulneſs of a GLEET.

The Succeſs of this Peculiar Venereal Specifick Medicine is ſo Great, that Not One of the Numbers, that Daily Take it, Miſs of having the Venereal Infection Carried off by it.

This being that Great Specifick Medicine, which, During the Many Years, it has been now Publiſhed, has Gained ſuch a Reputation, On Account of it's Two following Properties.

Viz. That TWO Only of theſe moſt eaſy (being the Bigneſs of a PEA) to take Little Boluſſes, in Common Venereal Injuries, And FOUR only of them in Worſe Caſes, Carry off a Venereal Infection, without Telling your Caſe, or Suſpicion, Even to a Bedfellow.———So that,

What Other Medicines are Long About, and Betray the Perſon into the Bargain, This little Medicine performs a Shorter Way, without any Trouble, making the Perſon Eaſy At Once, tho' Before in Great Miſery, So that Perſons moſt Miſerably Harraſſed with a Running, Scalding of Urine, Cordee, Sores on the Urinary Part, &c. have been Soon Privately Well by it.

Price Only 2s. Sealed Up, with Full Directions, Along with it, For Thoſe who BUY it. But, It is GIVEN GRATIS,

Without Paying Any Thing at all, for it,

To Thoſe, Mention'd in the Chapter, Under the Title, Of Having this Bolus GIVEN GRATIS, in the Above mentioned Venereal Treatiſe,

Which is Given Gratis, At Dr. Ruſſell's Houſe,

In the Parlour, Strait Forward Facing the Entry, In at the GREEN HATCH, againſt Gray's-Inn, HOLBORN.

This Incomparable Little BOLUS, is the Only SHORT Cure of the Venereal Diſeaſe, ONE or TWO of them Performing a Cure, which Large Quantities of Other Medicines, Taken Before, could not do.

And This it is, that has, During the Many Years it has been publiſhed, Gained it ſuch a Vaſt Reputation, and made it it Daily ſo Eſteemed, for its ſo Immediately carrying off a Venereal Infection, and the Foulneſs of a GLEET.——That

Not One of the Medicines Publiſhed for the Diſtemper come up to it, for ſo Short, Eaſy, and Private a Cure——That

Perſons Haraſſed with a Troubleſome Running, Smarting of Urine, Cordee, Pains, &c. have been ſo Very Soon Well by it, and No Body has Known Any thing of it.

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